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- 1. THE FEB 1 ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT THAT PORTUGAL HAD OFFERED CHINA THE RETURN OF MACAU IS CORRECT, GOP DENIALS NOTWITHSTANDING. THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED PRIVATELY TO US BY FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES VARIOUS TIMES OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, MOST RECENTLY ON FEB 11. PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES, IN PARTICULAR OFFICERS PROMINENT IN THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT, HAVE APPROACHED CHINESE REPRESENTATIVES AT UN, MAPUTO, BUCHAREST, PARIS AND ELSEWHERE OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS (REF B). ON EACH OCCASION PRC REPS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS.
- 2. GOP DENIAL OF THE AP REPORT WAS MADE ORALLY TO CORRESPONDENT AND WAS NOT PUBLISHED IN LOCAL PRESS.
- 3. EMBASSY NOTES HONG KONG'S SPECIAL INTEREST IN MACAO AND CONFIDENTIAL

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